

# City of San José, California

## CITY COUNCIL POLICY

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### BACKGROUND

The City Council of the City of San Jose is responsible for the naming of public streets, boulevards, avenues, drives, courts, circles, pedestrian and other public rights-of-way.

### PURPOSE

The City Council desires to establish uniform guidelines to govern the naming of streets and the changing of street names in order to avoid potential conflicting names or misunderstandings and to promote the public welfare and general convenience of the community.

### POLICY

It is the policy of the City of San Jose that:

- A. The names for new streets are to be selected by the developer and submitted to the Planning Department for clearance and approval before the tract map is recorded.
- B. The names used must meet with the approval of the County Communications Department and the U.S. Post Office.
- C. A public street continuing for some length in one general alignment shall have only one name.
- D. Cul-de-sac streets will usually be called "court"; however, "place" is acceptable. A cul-de-sac may carry the same name as the street at its open-end.
- E. Loop streets will usually be called "circle".
- F. The maintenance and future use of names with historic significance within Santa Clara Valley is encouraged.
- G. Proposed change of street names with possible historical significance will be referred to the Historical Landmarks Commission.
- H. Individual property owners, when affected by a name change, will be informed and be given an opportunity to be heard by the Planning Commission and the City Council.